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GO TO HAWAII

THEN THE JAPANESE CROSS TO THE PACIFIC COAST.

Commissioner of Bureau of Immigration Makes His Report to the President.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Commissioner of Immigration, who went to Honolulu at the special request of President Roosevelt to be present at the landing of the Portuguese immigrants, called on the president today.

"There are probably 60,000 Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands," said Mr. Sargent, "and they are arriving there at the rate of from 400 to 1,000 a month. The new arrivals do not remain long on the islands, however, and soon go to the Pacific coast. They are leaving in large numbers by each steamer. In the last twelve months 13,000 Japanese have gone from the Hawaiian Islands to the mainland of this country."

Mr. Sargent was asked why the Japanese first go to Hawaii. He explained it by saying that as he understood the case, the Japanese government does not issue passports to the United States proper as it is unaware whether its citizens could get work here, but the fact that there is a demand for laborers in Hawaii induces the issue of passports to the islands.

Mr. Sargent admitted there was considerable feeling against the Japanese in many portions of the islands, as their labor is cheaper and their merchants are underselling the American merchants in the islands, and taking away the trade previously held by the latter with the Japanese.

Slightly Mixed.

Edwin Markham, at a dinner in New York, said of mixed metaphors: "When I was teaching in Los Angeles I used to read every week a little country paper whose editor's metaphors were an unending joy to me."

"Once, I remember, this editor wrote of a contemporary:

"Thus the black lie, issuing from his base throat, becomes a boomerang in his hand, and, holing him by his own petard, leaves him a marked man for life."

"He said in an article on home life:

"The faithful watchdog or his good wife, standing at the door, welcomes the master home with an honest bark."

"In an obituary of a farmer he wrote:

"The race was run at last. Like a tired steed, he crossed the harbor bar, and casting aside whip and spur lay down upon that barren from which no traveler returns."

Couldn't Be Seen.

Not long after his introduction to national life as a member of the house, "Tim" Sullivan of Tammany Hall conceived a violent dislike for the man then at the head of one of the executive departments. It was observed that whenever Sullivan, much to his disgust, was obliged to consult the official in question he invariably left in anything but the pleasantest of humors.

One morning Sullivan had been cooling his heels in the secretary's ante-room when the private secretary entered, saying, "I am awfully sorry, Mr. Sullivan but you can't see the secretary this morning."

Sullivan, by this time in a white heat, because of his long wait, dramatically exclaimed, "Merciful heaven! Is he so small as all that?"

Practicing By Ear.

When Grover Cleveland was practicing law at Buffalo, among his associates was a young lawyer who, though a bright fellow, was rather inclined to laziness. He was forever bothering Cleveland about points of law rather than look them up himself.

At last Cleveland became tired of it, and the next time the young man sauntered in, Cleveland knew what he wanted, and, getting up, pointed to his bookcase and said: "There are my books. You are welcome to them; you can read up your own case."

The fellow was caught, but he rose to the occasion. "See here, Grover Cleveland," he said, "I want you to understand I don't read law. I practice entirely by ear, and you and your books can go to thunder!"

His Property.

While Dooly was holding court in Washington county, Georgia, a certain Gen. Hanson, who was famed as a blowhard, came in and sat down at the side of the judge, and began to tell him about the vast amounts of property he owned.

"Stop just a moment, general," said Dooly. "Mr. Sheriff, call in Jones the receiver of tax returns."

In a few moments that worthy appeared.

"Mr. Receiver," said the judge, "come up here and make an inventory of General Hanson's property. He had mistaken me for you."

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SOUTHERN WOMAN ON NEGRO.

A southern woman, possessed of a tender concern for the sorrows and troubles of all mankind, comes right out in The American Magazine for December and describes what she believes is the cause of the increasingly dreadful breach between white men and black men. She does not sign the article—probably because what she has written is too frank, intimate, complete—and, in some degree, terrible.

After an interesting and illuminating account of personal experiences and observations the author proceeds to what she thinks is the real cause of the decreasing affection between the races:

"Service has gradually become drudgery," she says, "to be gotten through with, to hurry back at evening to the real home interest. Pride and concern once entered in their 'white people's' possessions and social affairs, centers in their own."

"As the old servants have died, or given up by reason of age, the service given by the present race of colored house servants and field hands has grown indifferent, or at best impersonal, because of the spirit back of it. In the early stage of it the white employer remonstrated, hurt, indignant, or even irritated. With a home back of them and a bit of ground, and other work easy to obtain, such as laundry, seamstress-work, school teaching for the young women, hair-washing, etc., and work on the railroads, buildings, factories, etc., for the men, the colored domestic promptly resented reproach for poor service. Antagonism with no common interest and no affection between, as of old, crept in, and, behold, the condition of mutual independence and understanding is apparently forever gone. The negro beginning to specialize the duties he will or will not do in the various capacities as domestic, why, more servants are required, with increased wages all around. The embarrassment to persons of moderate means is immediate. To make this worse the general average of competency has fallen. Criticism, however kindly, is resented, and the white mistress no longer is looked on kindly in her efforts to train her raw servants. In some cases in certain communities I have in mind certain white families are boycotted for such criticisms, and can get no service whatever in the neighborhood."

"Now, increasing poor service in kitchen and house, as the higher class of negroes withdraw more and more from service, and even this grudgingly given, breeds discomfort and disorganization through a house at once. The white wife and mother to this average household has come to excuse results to her family by lament and complaint of the negro attitude. And what with this testimony, added to the humiliation of frequent change of servants, poor service, and constantly increasing wages, a sense of general irritation has arisen on the part of the white husbands in the south, and also on the part of the younger members of the white households. Moreover, the white man has the same conditions to fight with his farm hands, if he employs such. I am speaking, understand, of the general situation as I have drawn my observations from social visits in recent years through Kentucky, in Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida."

"In their own condition the negroes have progressed marvelously in general intelligence, in property holding and in independence. But is exactly the same ratio has his dependence on, his affection for, his intimacy with, the white race grown less."

CAUSE UNKNOWN

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN SECOND STORY OF 113 SOUTH 2ND.

Damage of \$200 to Southern Tea and Coffee Company by Water Early Last Night.

Damage to the amount of \$200 was done by water in extinguishing a smoldering conflagration at the Southern Tea and Coffee company's store, 113 South Second street, between 8 and 9 o'clock last night. The loss is covered by insurance.

Alarm was turned in by an attack of a nearby saloon. He smelled smoke and noticed it coming from the second story window of the tea store. The fire was located in the rear of the second floor among a lot of paper sacks, boxes and strawberry crates. It had done little damage, not having gained any headway. Water did the damage.

The Southern Tea and Coffee Co. is owned by the Jake Biederman Grocery and Baking company. The proprietor stated that the store was closed at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and as far as he knew no one had been on the second floor that day. Certainly, there had been no fire on that floor.

Too Precipitate.

An old Scotch woman once said to her pastor:

"Dear me! Ministers mak' muckle ado about their hard work, but what's two bits of sermons in the week tae mak' up? I could do't myself!"

"Weel Janet," replied the minister, good humoredly, "let's hear you try it."

"Come awa' wi' a text, then," quoth she.

He repeated with emphasis: "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a bawling woman and in a wide house."

Janet fired up instantly. "What's that ye say, sir? Dae ye intend anything personal?"

"Stop! Stop!" broke in her pastor. "You would never do for a minister, Janet; you come over soon to the application."

Who Was Hit?

Patrick Murphy, while passing down Aremont street, was hit on the head by a brick which fell from a building in process of construction. One of the first things he did after being taken home and put to bed was to send for a lawyer. A few days later he received word to call, as his lawyer had settled the case. He called and received five crisp new \$100 bills. "How much did you get?" he asked. "Two thousand dollars," answered the lawyer. "Two thousand and you give me \$500? Say, who got hit by that brick, you or me?"—Boston Herald.

It Varied.

The late Judge Saunders of North Carolina was noted as an angler, but he had a poor memory as to the weight of the fish he had taken. On one occasion a friend, trying to entrap him, said: "Say, Judge, what was the weight of that big catfish you caught the other day?"

The judge turned to his waiter and said: "Bob, what did I say that catfish weighed?"

"What, time yesterday, boss—in de mawain," at dinner or after supper."

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